

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment letter filed 11/22/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 6-14, 16-19, 21-41, 43-47, 50 and 53-64.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 22 June 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. S. Jared Pitts on March 16, 2005.

The claims have been amended as follows:

40. (Currently Amended) A method of determining an amount of pointer movement for a pointer, from a force applied to a pointing device, comprising:

assigning a minimum resolvable force to a fraction of a minimum amount of pointer movement; and

accumulating a plurality of fractions of the minimum amount of pointer movement, wherein an amount of pointer movement is related to a pointing component of the applied force according to a dual-gain transfer function, and wherein accumulating a plurality of fractions further comprises accumulating a plurality of fractions of the minimum amount of pointer movement until a sum of the plurality of fractions of the minimum amount of pointer movement totals at least an integral number.

Claim 42 (cancelled).

In claim 43, line 1, "42" is changed to --40--.

47. (Currently Amended) A method of indicating cursor motion from force applied to a pointing device wherein the indicated cursor motion is related to a pointing component of the applied force according to a dual-gain transfer function, said dual-gain transfer function comprising an S-shaped integral blend, and wherein a first derivative of said dual-gain transfer function is continuous, and wherein the first derivative of said dual-gain transfer function is a monotonically increasing function that increases smoothly.

Claim 48 (cancelled).

Claim 49 (cancelled).

50. (Currently Amended) A method of indicating cursor motion from force applied to a pointing device wherein the indicated cursor motion is related to a pointing component of the applied force according to a dual-gain transfer function comprising an S-shaped multiplicative blend, and wherein a first derivative of said dual-gain transfer function is continuous, and wherein said dual-gain transfer function includes a first relatively lower gain, a second relatively higher gain, and wherein said second relatively higher gain is applied only when a magnitude of a pointing component of the force applied is substantially non-decreasing.

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Claim 51 (cancelled).

Claim 52 (cancelled).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mike Fatahiyar whose telephone number is (571)272-7688. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Edourd, can be reached on 571-272-7603. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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